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President's report

The Bunnings BBQ last Sunday was a quieter day than usual, but nonetheless returned a handy income. Sincere thanks to all those who volunteered to assist, and I am pleased to say that the roster for 20 February is already full!

Last Monday night a small group of members enjoyed good food and fellowship at the Ori – back in our old room, which can take up to 14 people.

Then on Tuesday a much larger group gathered to take the Riverboat Postman Trip along the Hawkesbury River, arranged by the Kittos. What a delightful day – perfect weather, wonderful scenery and great company.

On Tuesday night we had our monthly Board meeting – a much longer meeting than usual, being the first after the break. Key points included:

- acceptance of the audit report from 2019-2020
- update on the sensory garden – see separate article
- summations from the wine, gingerbread houses, Australia Day event and previous raffle
- plans for the next raffle
- approval of the Music in the Autumn Leaves proposal
- planning for the R100 celebration
- planning for Purple Day

- proposal for a Blue Mountains monopoly set
- Planning for 100 daffodils project.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Margaret Boyle who has been a long time member of the club. We thank Margaret for her support over the years and wish her well with her future plans.

We have received expressions of interest from four potential new members and these are now in the hands of our membership officer, Roza Sage.

Two members had or are facing surgery this week, and we wish Yvonne Meehan and Deana Atkins a speedy recovery.

This coming week is guest speaker week and we have two very interesting presentations. Firstly we have a presentation from Tzerskikh Cook about bees and why they are important. Then PDG Kalma McLellan will give us an update on the planned R100 celebrations.

Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



Thought for the week

Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not. *James Taylor*



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Planned meetings for February

- **15 February** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **22 February** - Club Committee meetings

Planned meetings for March

- **1 March** – Zoom meeting and Director's reports
- **8 March** – Ori dinner meeting
- **15 March** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **22 March** - Club Committee meetings
- **29 March** - TBA

Upcoming events

- **20 February** – Bunnings BBQ
- **13-14 March** – District Conference
- **18-19 March** – Mental Health First Aid course (TBC)
- **20 March** – BBQ event at Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **20 March** – Purple Day (for epilepsy) at Bunnings (TBC)
- **24 April** – R100 breakfast BBQ (TBC)
- **2 May** – Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves
- **14-16 May** – Rotary Leadership Institute Course – see DG's e-news



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Winmalee Neighbourhood Shop

From Pat Ainslie

I would like to give an update on the shop. We have been involved since March 2020 and with the help of volunteers we kept going through COVID. I would like to thank all members and friends who have assisted.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite any members or friends that could help for a few hours to come and join us and have some fun.

Please contact Pat Ainslie on 0409708008 or plcainslie27@gmail.com

TRIVIA TIME

Upper Blue Mountains Trivia Night – Saturday 20 February 2021, 7-9.30pm

Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise has made a long-term commitment to helping homeless in the Blue Mountains, and this is the third Trivia Night in aid of this cause.

It is run electronically through Zoom and Kahoot. Jenny Kroonstuiver is putting together a team to meet and compete from her place (nibbles and wine provided!), so please contact her if you are interested – there are still a few places available. Cost is \$20 per person.



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District Conference 13-14 March 2021

There are only a few weeks to go before the Virtual District 9685 Conference. This is now a two-day Virtual Conference on-line, as outlined below.

District Assembly Part A

Zoom

Apr 18, 2021

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

District Assembly Part B

Zoom

Apr 24, 2021

8:00 AM – 9:35 PM

Participation options for our club are either to gather as small groups at someone's home or join on Zoom from your own home.

Registration links were contained in the most recent District Governor's e-news (sent out 4 February). Please take a few minutes to register! **Registration is free!**

The Sensory Garden Project

This is a Springwood Rotary project which commenced during Margaret Bell's year as President, got interrupted by COVID, and is about to recommence.

Our Club is funding the development of a tactile and sensory garden for the support unit at Springwood Primary School. We have matched funds from

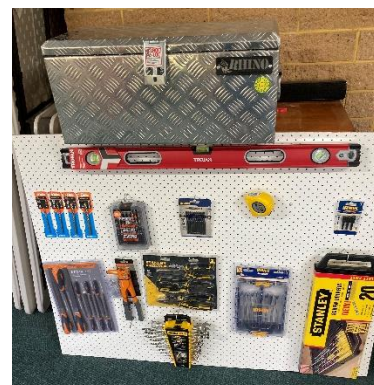
two District Grants and along with a private donation have \$11,500 available for the project. The work will be carried out by the Landsculpt Group during the upcoming April school holidays.

This week we held a planning meeting for this exciting project and mapped out the area and scope of the development. There will be regular updates in future newsletters.

Springwood Rotary Autumn Handyperson Raffle 2021

Planning is well underway for our next raffle, and we will soon be seeking volunteers for ticket sellers at Winmalee Shopping Centre.

With the assistance of Bunnings who have donated \$1500 worth of vouchers, Bill Bowler and Norm Kitto have put together a great first prize consisting of a filled toolbox, tool board and trolley. This will be complemented by a \$500 voucher, and there are additional vouchers for second and third prize.



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Springwood Rotary and the Bobbo
From Ian Stuart – on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Turramurra, Kuring gai, Wahroonga and St Ives



I'm helping to drive registrations for (one of) Sydney's best charity rides - The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic (the Bobbo), which will be held on Sunday 28 March 2021, and I'd like to invite you and your club to help us by spreading the word, recruiting riders and supporting their fundraising.

The Bobbo has a great reputation within the cycling community. There are four different routes which riders can select according to their abilities. Serious cyclists return year after year to challenge themselves on the longest rides, while social cyclists will enjoy the shorter routes.

All the routes go through some of the most stunning bushland and waterfront

scenery in the Greater Sydney region. Some 2,500 riders are supported by around 450 enthusiastic volunteers who, along with the Police, SES and St Johns, make it one of the best-organised and safest events on the cycling calendar.

The funds raised by this terrific event helps Lifeline year after year to save lives through their Crisis support counselling. Please lend us your support for 2021 as we try to break through the \$1 million fundraising milestone!

What are Rotary Peace Fellowships?

The **2022 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available**, for the next cohort of global peace and development leaders. The fully funded Rotary Peace Fellowship, which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict by offering academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Up to 130 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a certificate in peace and development studies at one of the seven Rotary Peace Centers, located at leading universities around the world. For further information, please contact Jenny Kroonstuiver



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This week's featured Rotary Action Group - the **Rotary Diabetes Action Group**

This week Rotary International formally approved a new Rotary Action Group for diabetes. This is a highly significant step that recognizes the increasing involvement of Rotarians in diabetes projects worldwide and the need for civil society to engineer a suitable response to the growing pandemic.

The many diabetes projects that Rotarians are involved in include IDF's own Life for a Child Program and foot-care projects soon to be established in the Caribbean.

Rotary Fellowship Groups – Part 3

Fellowships are groups of Rotary members who:

- share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

Here are some more examples (R-Z):

Railroads	Social Networks
Recreational Vehicles	Strategic Planning
Rotary Global History	Surfing
Rotary Heritage and History	Table Tennis
Rotary Means Business	Tennis
Rotary on Pins	Total Quality Management
Rotary on Stamps	Travel and Hosting
Rowing	Triathlon
Rum	Water Polo
Russian Culture	Wellness and Fitness
Scouting	Whisk(e)y
Scuba	Wildlife Conservation
Shooting Sport	Wine
Singles	Yachting
Skiing	Yoga
	Young Rotarians

Seniors Community lunches set to resume

The Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre will be resuming Community lunches on Monday 15 February. Helpers are being sought – if interested, please contact Morna Colbran at wnccoord@tpg.com.au



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Spotted!

Who were to two senior Springwood Rotary members spotted after the river trip sitting in a bus shelter playing on their mobile phones?



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Some photos from the Riverboat Postman trip

(With thanks to Bronwyn Berriman and Cheryl Kitto)



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